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1. ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS ASKED IN REFTEL CONCERNING THE
DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT'S POSITIONS VIS-A-VIS TRADE ISSUES ARE
AS FOLLOWS:

A. (1) GODR PLANS TO PARTICIPATE IN MIN

(2) GODR IS GATT MEMBER

(3) GODR UNDERSTANDS THAT SOME RECIPROCAL CONCESSIONS
WILL BE EXPECTED IN RETURN FOR CONCESSIONS
RECEIVED AT MIN, BUT THEY EXPECT THAT FULL
RECIPROCITY WILL NOT BE DEMANDED OF THEM.

(4) WE ANTICIPATE THAT GODR WILL SEEK TARIFF
CONCESSIONS FROM U.S. ON AT LEAST FOLLOWING
ITEMS: (IN EXPECTED ORDER OF IMPORTANCE)

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A. RUM (168.4)

B. TOBACCO (170) - WILL SEEK TREATMENT SIMILAR
TO PHILIPPINE PREFERENCE
C. MEAT (106.1)

(5) GODR CONCERNED ABOUT FOLLOWING NTB'S:
A. PUERTO RICAN LIMITATIONS ON IMPORTS OF
LARGE NUMBER OF DOMINICAN AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCTS (MOSTLY TROPICAL)
B. U.S. QUOTAS ON MILK PRODUCTS AND CHEESE.

(6) GODR AS OF YET HAS NO POSITION ON SAFEGUARDS.

(7) IT IS NOT EXPECTED THAT GODR WOULD RAISE
ANY COMMODITY ARRANGEMENTS IN MIN, ALTHOUGH
THEY MIGHT ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH OTHER
COUNTRIES WHICH WANTED TO RAISE THAT SORT OF ISSUE.

(8) GODR IS NOT LIKELY TO RAISE ANY OTHER ISSUES IN MIN.

B. (1) UNLESS OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES TOOK A
FAIRLY UNITED STAND AGAINST U.S. POSITION
ON U.S. - BC ISSUES, GODR CAN BE EXPECTED TO
SUPPORT U.S. ON THESE ISSUES. THEY ARE AWARE OF
HOW VARIOUS EC POLICIES DAMAGE THEIR INTERESTS
BUT FEEL THERE IS LITTLE THEY CAN DO ABOUT THESE POLICIES
ON THEIR OWN.

(2) GODR IS NOT LIKELY TO RAISE ANY ISSUES RE JAPAN.

2. THE PRINCIPAL GODR OFFICIALS WHO INFLUENCE TRADE POLICY AND
NEGOTIATIONS IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE ARE: (A) FERNANDO
PERICHE, DIRECTOR OF EXPORT PROMOTION OFFICE; (B) MILTON
MESSINA, CHAIRMAN OF FOREIGN TRADE COMMISSION; (C) DIOGENES
FERNANDEZ, GOVERNOR OF CENTRAL BANK; AND (D) PEDRO PADILLA,
VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.
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